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A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Fund Public Advisory Committee will be held on August 18, 2007:

Friday August 17, 2007, 6:00 p.m. Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Fund Public Advisory Committee will meet at the Gurley Street Grill 230 Gurley Street, Prescott, Arizona 86301; 928-445-8412. (Elective Event) The Committee will take no formal action.

Saturday, August 18, 2007, Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Fund Public Advisory Committee meeting will be at the Hassayampa Inn (Marina 1 room) 122 E. Gurley Street, Prescott, Arizona 86301; 1-800-322-1927.

Meeting Begins at 8:00 a.m.

- 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks: Commissioner Bob Hernbrode will open the meeting with announcements and overview.
- 2. **Introductions.** Committee members, guests, and Department personnel present will introduce themselves.
- 3. **Approval of Minutes.** The Committee will vote to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2007 meeting.
- 4. **Presenter: Joe Yarchin, Wildlife Specialist II.** Presentation entitled "What is the AZGFD new Watchable Wildlife Project and Why Do It?" Emphasis of this talk will be to describe the new project and show how it will be fun, educational and ethically positive. (30 minutes)
- 5. **Presenter: Tony Guiles, Legislative Liaison.** Update report on legislative business affecting the Heritage Fund and Department. The Committee may make a recommendation to the Commission regarding the items discussed in the presentation. (15 minutes)
- 6. **Presenter: Ted McKinney, Wildlife Specialist II.** An overview describing the preliminary findings of the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Mountain Lion project. (20 minutes)
- 7. **Presenter: Melba Davidson, Funds/Planning Manager.** Presentation that will highlight the multiple funding sources used by the Department and their overlap or gap in order to provide an understanding of the relationships between funds, and the opportunities for leveraging different funding opportunities. (20 minutes)

- 8. [Break]
- 9. **Presenter: Jim Jett, HPAC Member.** Responding to Invasive Plants, a presentation discussing the greatest obstacle to ecosystem health. (30 minutes)
- 10. Presenter: Greg Clark, Burrowing Owl Habitat Specialist at Wild at Heart. This presentation will highlight how Wild at Heart is protecting burrowing owls, building new underground homes, and releasing the owls back to artificial burrows where there won't be more development. (30 minutes)
- 11. **Presenter: Ashley Ross, Heritage Fund Administrator.** Overview of the FY2005 Legislative Report. The Committee may make a recommendation to the Commission regarding items covered in the report. (20 minutes)
- 12. **Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the Host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Committee. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Committee meeting agenda.

13. Committee business:

A. Open Committee Discussion.

- 1. The Committee may make recommendations to the Commission regarding Heritage Fund-related issues discussed during the foregoing presentations.
- 2. Food for Thought regarding the election of new HPAC members at the January 2008 meeting.
- 14. Future Agenda Items.
- 15. Adjournment.

Meeting Ends at 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 18, 2007 1:00-4:00 p.m. Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Fund Public Advisory Committee (HPAC) will conduct a field trip to the Upper Verde River Wildlife Area, located eight miles north of Chino Valley in Yavapai County, Arizona, for a discussion of recreational use impacts to Wildlife Areas. Field trip length is approximately three hours. (Elective Event) The Committee will take no formal action.

Background materials provided to Committee members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection at the main office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 2222 West Greenway Road, Phoenix and at the meetings. During the public meeting, the Committee will afford any person, his duly authorized representative, or both, the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or without the opportunity to present them orally. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, or this document in an alternative format, by contacting the AGFD Deputy Director, 2221 W. Greenway Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85023, 602-942-3000. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.